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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S. R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of January, 1948 and the seven months ended January, 1948.

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment to temporary incapacity. It also provides a third class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives a measure of assistance to those persons who, on account of some special circumstances, cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit do not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Age and Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

The information contained in this bulletin has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services. The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to discontinuances and results in persons on benefit at the end of the month being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during January, 1948 and the seven months ended January, 1948, are shown in the following table:-

AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING JANUARY, 1948 AND THE
SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1948 : STATES

State	Benefits paid during January, 1948.				Benefits paid during seven months ended January, 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
N.S.W. (a) ..	3,994	20,942	907	25,843	48,045	185,548	5,071	238,664
Victoria ..	1,004	16,769	3,454	21,227	13,603	125,144	10,451	149,198
Queensland ..	18,263	12,742	782	31,787	107,950	59,183	4,667	171,800
S.Aust. (b) ..	267	6,138	309	6,714	3,351	47,457	2,179	52,987
W.Australia ..	3,613	5,636	367	9,616	28,894	35,269	2,794	66,957
Tasmania ..	200	2,410	246	2,856	2,171	23,240	1,320	26,731
<u>TOTAL:</u>	27,341	64,637	6,065	98,043	204,014	475,841	26,482	706,337

- (a) Included Australian Capital Territory.
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

The following table shows for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47, and for the months January, 1947 to January, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - YEARS 1945-46 AND 1946-47 AND MONTHS FROM JANUARY, 1947, TO JANUARY, 1948. AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1945-46 ..	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
" 1946-47 ..	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947 -									
January ..	6,649	170	3,018	656	108	20	9,775	846	10,621
February ..	5,903	165	3,412	909	116	24	9,431	1,098	10,529
March ..	5,072	196	4,661	1,293	119	37	9,852	1,526	11,378
April ..	4,275	145	3,308	802	82	21	7,665	968	8,633
May ..	4,231	217	5,056	1,345	157	46	9,444	1,608	11,052
June ..	2,670	117	3,852	1,008	70	21	6,592	1,146	7,738
July ..	2,589	136	5,499	1,515	187	94	8,275	1,745	10,020
August ..	2,134	111	5,822	1,576	139	66	8,095	1,753	9,848
September ..	1,440	67	4,609	1,261	125	46	6,174	1,374	7,548
October (a) ..	1,570	48	4,323	1,310	109	72	6,002	1,430	7,432
November (a) ..	1,605	63	4,977	1,476	113	55	6,695	1,594	8,289
December (a) ..	1,774	52	3,038	930	808	141	5,620	1,123	6,743
1948 -									
January (a) ..	3,455	91	3,731	1,006	79	16	7,265	1,113	8,378
DISCONTINUANCES									
Year 1945-46 ..	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
" 1946-47 ..	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947 -									
January ..	11,151	367	3,112	672	194	13	14,457	1,052	15,509
February ..	6,367	146	3,336	756	114	18	9,817	920	10,737
March ..	7,197	215	4,318	1,087	190	34	11,705	1,336	13,041
April ..	5,192	157	3,365	894	99	12	8,656	1,063	9,719
May ..	5,945	242	4,803	1,220	157	22	10,905	1,484	12,389
June ..	3,803	151	3,796	965	76	15	7,675	1,131	8,806
July ..	3,265	151	4,905	1,244	142	45	8,312	1,440	9,752
August ..	3,230	141	5,812	1,512	138	24	9,180	1,677	10,857
September ..	2,091	81	4,598	1,256	142	47	6,831	1,384	8,215
October (a) ..	2,286	87	4,531	1,260	107	41	6,924	1,388	8,312
November (a) ..	1,992	78	5,438	1,597	138	44	7,568	1,719	9,287
December (a) ..	861	49	3,162	982	117	110	4,140	1,141	5,281
1948 -									
January (a) ..	2,685	66	4,079	1,194	776	70	7,540	1,330	8,870
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH									
1946 -									
June ..	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 -									
January ..	12,334	298	6,593	1,784	283	217	19,210	2,299	21,509
February ..	11,870	317	6,669	1,937	285	223	18,824	2,477	21,301
March ..	9,745	298	7,012	2,143	214	226	16,971	2,667	19,638
April ..	8,828	286	6,955	2,051	197	235	15,980	2,572	18,552
May ..	7,114	261	7,208	2,176	197	259	14,519	2,696	17,215
June ..	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
July ..	5,305	212	7,858	2,490	236	314	13,399	3,016	16,415
August ..	4,209	182	7,868	2,554	237	356	12,314	3,092	15,406
September ..	3,558	168	7,879	2,559	220	355	11,657	3,082	14,739
October (a) ..	2,842	129	7,671	2,609	222	386	10,735	3,124	13,859
November (a) ..	2,455	114	7,210	2,488	197	397	9,862	2,999	12,861
December (a) ..	3,368	117	7,086	2,436	888	428	11,342	2,981	14,323
1948 -									
January (a) ..	4,138	142	6,738	2,248	191	374	11,067	2,764	13,831

(a) Subject to Revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuances was notified during January, 1948, and the seven months ended January, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JANUARY, 1948
AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefit	P E R S O N S							
	January, 1948				Seven months ended January 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	432	352	16	800	2,206	3,373	71	5,650
1 and under 2	600	611	16	1,227	2,644	5,752	195	8,591
2 " " 3	411	529	14	954	1,850	5,030	142	7,022
3 " " 4	314	542	14	870	1,476	4,914	103	6,493
4 " " 5	213	451	150	814	1,109	3,694	233	5,036
5 " " 9	493	1,368	607	2,468	2,813	8,683	805	12,301
9 " " 13	150	695	19	864	1,375	3,878	133	5,386
13 " " 27	147	776	26	949	1,913	4,253	169	6,335
27 and over	152	359	17	528	1,677	1,993	90	3,760
<u>TOTAL:</u>	2,912	5,683	879	9,474	17,063	41,570	1,941	60,574

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during January, 1948 and the seven months ended January, 1948 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JANUARY, 1948 AND THE SEVEN
MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefit	January, 1948.				Seven months ended January 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
27 and over	5.2	6.3	1.9	5.6	9.8	4.8	4.6	6.2
13 " "	10.3	20.0	4.9	15.6	21.0	15.0	13.3	16.7
9 " "	15.1	32.2	7.1	24.7	29.1	24.4	20.2	25.6
5 " "	32.4	56.3	76.1	50.8	45.6	45.2	61.7	45.9
4 " "	39.7	64.2	93.2	59.4	52.1	54.1	73.7	54.2
3 " "	50.5	73.8	94.8	68.5	60.7	66.0	79.0	64.9
2 " "	64.6	83.1	96.4	72.6	12.2	78.1	86.3	76.5
1 " "	85.2	93.8	98.2	91.6	87.1	91.9	96.3	90.7
Less than 1	14.8	6.2	1.8	8.4	12.9	8.1	3.7	9.3

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during January, 1948 and the seven months ended January, 1948 are shown below:-

REASON FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING
JANUARY, 1948 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1948.
AUSTRALIA.

Reason for Cessation	January, 1948				Seven months ended January 1948			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	1,663	57.11	2,809	49.43	9,424	55.23	22,751	54.73
Incapacity terminated ..	-	-	1,878	33.05	-	-	11,451	27.55
Failure to report (a) ..	991	34.03	212	3.73	5,744	33.66	1,585	3.81
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act ..	90	3.09	84	1.48	676	3.96	521	1.25
Statutory age limit (b) ..	22	0.76	16	0.28	107	0.63	102	0.24
Permanent incapacity (c) ..	26	0.89	262	4.61	275	1.61	1,811	4.36
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance ..	6	0.21	115	2.02	33	0.19	1,114	2.68
Death ..	1	0.03	90	1.58	15	0.09	681	1.64
Transfer to another district	71	2.44	110	1.94	329	1.93	699	1.68
Other ..	42	1.44	107	1.88	460	2.70	855	2.06
TOTAL:	2,912	100.00	5,683	100.00	17,063	100.00	41,570	100.00

- (a) In most of those cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pensions.
(c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pensions.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF JANUARY, 1948

Total Persons

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 31st January, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 54 per 10,000 comprising 17 unemployment, 35 sickness and 2 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females separately:-

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 31ST JANUARY, 1948
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	22	36	1	59
Females	per 10,000 females	2	32	5	39
Persons	per 10,000 persons	17	35	2	54

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 31st January, 1948:-

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 31ST JANUARY, 1948 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
N.S.W. (a) ..	522	48	2,526	779	36	114	3,084	941	4,025
Victoria ..	98	8	1,638	673	44	81	1,780	762	2,542
Queensland ..	3,094	73	1,045	291	68	70	4,207	434	4,641
S.Australia(b) ..	40	3	663	223	15	34	718	260	978
W.Australia ..	362	10	539	199	20	38	921	247	1,168
Tasmania ..	22	-	327	83	8	37	357	120	477
TOTAL:	4,138	142	6,738	2,248	191	374	11,067	2,764	13,831

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 31st January, 1948, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 31ST JANUARY, 1948
AUSTRLIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st Dec. 1947)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	149	36	502	512	1	28	652	576	1,228
20 - 24 "	359	35	619	500	9	24	987	559	1,546
25 - 29 "	404	18	482	252	6	23	892	293	1,185
30 - 34 "	371	10	529	197	4	37	904	244	1,148
35 - 39 "	341	12	589	148	6	36	936	196	1,132
40 - 44 "	382	6	678	168	1	56	1,061	230	1,291
45 - 49 "	452	12	744	197	5	63	1,201	272	1,473
50 - 54 "	451	5	757	356	3	62	1,211	223	1,434
55 - 59 "	594	8	973	116	5	31	1,572	155	1,727
60 years and over	635	-	865	2	151	14	1,651	16	1,667
TOTAL:	4,138	142	6,738	2,248	191	374	11,067	2,764	13,831

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING JANUARY, 1948 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF JANUARY, 1948

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during January, 1948 and the seven months ended January, 1948 and by those who were on benefit at 31st January, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT & CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING JANUARY, 1948 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Cause of Unemployment	Admitted during January, 1948		Admitted during 7 months ended January, 1948		On Benefit at 31st January, 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Discharged or Laid Off -						
Disciplinary reasons	30	-	157	5	37	-
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	71	3	677	36	143	6
Power rationing	20	7	26	11	13	6
Shortage of materials	143	5	723	20	131	8
Strikes and lock-outs	25	1	275	2	46	-
Seasonal work	1,419	4	3,120	13	1,538	8
Casual work	534	9	2,805	41	562	5
Other including inadequately defined	722	26	3,129	148	841	29
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness work too heavy	312	31	1,937	198	486	58
Other quits, including inadequately defined	168	9	1,064	63	182	9
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	62	-	428	1	104	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	20	-	194	4	47	-
Other	4	2	32	26	8	11
TOTAL:	3,530	97	14,567	568	4,138	142

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during January, 1948 and the seven months ended January, 1948, and of those on benefit at 31st January, 1948:

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING JANUARY, 1948
AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which Last Engaged	Admitted during January, 1948		Admitted during 7 months ended January, 1948		On Benefit at 31st January 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	691	-	2,052	6	737	2
Other Primary Production	34	-	205	-	48	-
Coal Mining	42	-	259	-	39	-
Other Mining and Quarrying	48	-	306	-	51	-
Factories and Industrial - Founding, engineering, metalworking including shipbuilding	128	6	857	19	182	6
Vehicles, including aircraft	39	-	251	-	63	-
Textiles and articles of dress	29	10	138	68	34	18
Food, drink and tobacco	984	9	2,634	47	1,159	15
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	68	2	347	4	74	1
Other factories, including heat, light and power	138	4	638	25	149	5
Building and Construction	641	-	2,285	-	525	-
Transport and Communication	162	4	993	23	216	4
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and retail trade	231	23	1,243	97	271	15
Finance and property	14	1	89	6	25	3
Public Administration and Pro- fessional	134	10	1,160	60	295	13
Personal and Domestic Service	120	25	822	184	204	49
Other	27	3	288	29	66	11
TOTAL:	3,530	97	14,567	568	4,138	142

Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 31st January, 1948, in the principal industrial groups is shown in the following table :-

UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 31ST JANUARY, 1948 : STATES

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
Agriculture, Pastoral, etc.	58	10	643	3	21	2	737
Other Primary, including mining	47	8	71	-	11	1	138
Engineering, etc. including vehicles	98	12	94	8	32	1	245
Food, Drink, etc., Factories	25	7	1,100	1	25	1	1,159
Other Factories	68	16	113	4	53	3	257
Building and Construction	55	10	421	4	31	4	525
Transport and Communication	27	9	134	7	33	6	216
Commerce and Finance	44	13	183	5	50	1	296
Public Administration and Pro- fessional (c)	47	7	193	4	42	2	295
Personal and Domestic Service	44	3	105	4	48	-	204
Other	9	3	37	-	16	1	66
TOTAL 31ST JANUARY, 1948	522	98	3,094	40	362	22	4,138
TOTAL 25TH JANUARY, 1947	2,521	1,336	7,121	296	1,001	59	12,334

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory,

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Includes civilians previously employed by Australian
or Allied Services - N.S.W. 17, Vic. 1, Q'ld. 110,
W.A. 11, Australia, 139.

(iii) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the seven months ended January, 1948, and persons on benefit at 31st January, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table :-

DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during seven months ended January, 1948				On Benefit at 31st January, 1948.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	690	17	1,848	153	187	7	335	41
Victoria ..	228	45	515	8	34	8	64	-
Queensland ..	3,066	113	6,074	173	643	41	2,451	32
South Australia (c) ..	121	2	66	1	33	3	7	-
Western Australia ..	1,438	29	376	27	318	8	44	2
Tasmania ..	124	-	21	-	19	-	3	-
TOTAL:	5,667	206	8,900	362	1,234	67	2,904	75

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan".

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING JANUARY, 1948 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF JANUARY, 1948.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the seven months ended January, 1948, and those current at 31st January, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES

State	Claims admitted during seven months ended January, 1948				On Benefit at 31st January, 1948.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	6,757	2,453	4,823	983	1,396	524	1,130	255
Victoria ..	5,049	1,882	2,588	654	1,050	494	588	179
Queensland ..	2,300	692	2,625	465	524	182	521	109
South Australia (c) ..	2,344	610	1,133	187	461	189	202	34
Western Australia ..	1,697	622	1,204	222	357	152	182	47
Tasmania ..	630	151	849	153	136	42	191	41
TOTAL:	18,777	6,410	13,222	2,664	3,924	1,583	2,814	665

(a) See footnote to table 6 (iii). (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes N.T.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons on sickness benefit at 31st January, 1948, is shown in the following table.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 31ST JANUARY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying ..	595	20	615
Other Primary Production ..	157	-	157
Coal Mining ..	203	1	204
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	133	2	135
Factories and Industrial-			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including shipbuilding	930	76	1,006
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	302	15	317
Textiles and articles of dress ..	235	408	643
Food, drink and tobacco ..	478	102	580
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	275	16	291
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	623	138	761
Building and Construction ..	924	5	929
Transport and Communication ..	633	65	698
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and retail trade ..	634	398	1,032
- Finance and property ..	44	40	84
Public Administration and Professional ..	213	383	596
Personal and Domestic Service ..	339	569	908
Other ..	20	10	30
TOTAL:	6,738	2,248	8,986

(ii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness as stated on medical certificate of persons whose admission was notified during January, 1948 and the seven months ended January, 1948, and of those on benefit at 31st January, 1948.

NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING JANUARY, 1948
AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admitted during January 1948		Admitted during seven months ended Jan. 1948		On Benefit at 31st January, 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	239	74	1,985	572	300	163
Cancer ..	44	7	231	46	88	19
Other Tumours ..	37	30	287	212	89	55
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	271	84	1,926	617	524	218
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	14	20	112	148	26	52
Nervous System and Sense Organs	350	125	2,755	1,152	723	314
Circulatory System ..	360	55	2,654	395	856	139
Respiratory System ..	393	81	3,820	817	640	185
Digestive System ..	904	256	7,064	2,050	1,181	316
Genito-Urinary System ..	173	100	1,297	766	284	187
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	86	-	584	-	172
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	272	57	1,840	417	295	59
Bones and Organs of Movement ..	107	23	753	183	186	57
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions) ..	61	23	529	236	112	64
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	419	57	3,223	358	914	133
Other Injuries, etc. ..	436	51	3,206	350	445	73
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	37	20	199	135	49	33
Other (Including not stated) ..	13	4	118	36	26	9
TOTAL:	4,130	1,153	31,999	9,074	6,738	2,248

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the seven months ended January, 1948, and those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below. No further dissection of rejected claims has been made but it is hoped to extract further information at a later date.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - SEVEN MONTHS ENDED
JANUARY, 1948 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W. (a)	5,210	2,502	17,308	2,292	444	114	22,962	4,908	21.37
Victoria	1,707	911	11,933	1,760	1,255	114	14,895	2,785	18.70
Q'ld.	14,610	5,184	7,260	1,178	460	159	22,330	6,521	29.20
S.A. (b)	308	118	5,300	1,026	135	41	5,743	1,185	20.63
W.A.	2,808	938	4,376	631	161	33	7,345	1,602	21.81
Tasmania	197	52	2,012	229	79	23	2,288	304	13.29
TOTAL:	24,840	9,705	48,189	7,116	2,534	484	75,563	17,305	22.90

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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